

Fact Sheet

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Labor Market Report Highlights November 2015

Labor Force and Unemployment

- The state's November seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0 percent, down from 4.1 percent in October and decreased from 4.2 percent in November 2014.
- The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November was 3.5 percent, down from 3.7 percent in October and down from 3.9 percent one year ago.
- There were 13,344 initial claims for unemployment benefits in November 2015, up from 8,652 in October and up from 12,003 in November 2014. There were 63,370 continued claims in November, up from 49,616 the previous month and down from 68,018 in November 2014.

Jobs Data

Seasonally Adjusted

- Kansas gained 10,000 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.9 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 7,000, or 0.5 percent, since November 2014.
- Since last month, Kansas lost 2,800 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.2 percent. The state lost 2,600 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs since October 2015, or 0.2 percent.

Not Seasonally Adjusted

- Kansas gained 9,900 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.9 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 6,900, a 0.5 percent increase since November 2014.
- Since last month, private sector jobs decreased by 2,000, or 0.2 percent. The state lost 1,100 total nonfarm jobs over the month, or 0.1 percent.

Industry Breakdown**Over the Year**

Increase			
Industry:	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Increase
Construction	4,200	6.9%	Specialty Trade Contractors
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,400	0.9%	Wholesale Trade
Education and Health Services	1,900	1.0%	Educational Services
Financial Activities	1,400	1.8%	Finance and Insurance
Professional and Business Services	700	0.4%	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
Information	400	1.4%	N/A
Leisure and Hospitality	400	0.3%	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

Decrease			
Industry	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Decrease
Government	-3,000	-1.1%	Local
Mining and Logging	-1,000	-9.4%	N/A
Other Services	-300	-0.6%	N/A
Manufacturing	-200	-0.1%	Non-Durable Goods

Over the Month

Increase			
Industry	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Increase
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,300	0.5%	Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities
Financial Activities	900	1.1%	Finance and Insurance
Government	900	0.3%	Local
Manufacturing	700	0.4%	Non-Durable Goods
Other Services	200	0.4%	N/A

Decrease			
Industry	Jobs	Percent	Subsector with Largest Decrease
Construction	-2,500	-3.7%	Specialty Trade Contractors
Leisure and Hospitality	-1,000	-0.8%	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation
Professional and Business Services	-800	-0.5%	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
Education and Health Services	-500	-0.3%	Health Care and Social Assistance
Mining and Logging	-200	-2.0%	N/A
Information	-100	-0.4%	N/A

Private Sector Earnings

Not Seasonally Adjusted

- Private sector average weekly earnings decreased by \$5.97, or 0.8 percent, since last year, to a total of \$786.73.
- Professional and business services increased the most in average weekly earnings since last year. This industry increased by \$28.75, or 3.2 percent, since November 2014, to a total of \$922.38.
- Financial Activities had a notable decrease. Average weekly earnings decreased by \$41.08, or 3.9 percent, since last year, to a total of \$1,016.25.

The December 2015 Labor Report will be released on Friday, January 22.

Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).

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